

Small Livestock

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ENTRIES MUST BE PRE-ENTERED ONLINE

How to Enter: - May 3 - July 10, 2025

www.venturacountyfair.org

We will be accepting online registration only unless otherwise stated, please see each Division you plan to enter. If you require assistance to complete the online registration entry process, please call the fair office at 805-648-3376 and we will assist you with computer entries. Online registration only, except for Divisions 1000 & 1026; Rooster & Hen Cackling Contest; and any Division with special requirements. Online registration closes at 11:59 PM on July 10, 2025

There will be a meeting for exhibitors and leaders prior to the entry deadline for any entry questions and registration assistance on May 21, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

ENTRY DEADLINES AND FEES DUE:

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2025

Youth Market Meat Pens - Rabbits, Roasters & Turkeys
Cavies, Poultry, Rabbits, Youth Pygmy Goats, & Mini Pigs,
Bunny Hopping and Agility & Club Display Contest
Champion of Champions & Youth Costume Contests

ENTRY FEES

\$5.00 per entry per Class – Cavies, Poultry, Rabbits & Mini Pigs

\$5.00 per entry per class – Pygmy Goats

\$5.00 per entry - Meat Pen

\$5.00 per Showmanship Class

\$5.00 per entry for Champion of Champions Competition

\$5.00 per entry per Class Bunny Hopping and Agility Contest

\$10.00 Club & Individual Displays

Club Display Set-up

Saturday, July 26 and Sunday, July 27, 2025

Club Display Pick up

**Sunday, August 10, 2025 – 8:00 PM -10:00 PM
& Monday, August 11, 2025 – 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**

Week 1

COOP-IN SCHEDULE:

Cavies, Rabbits, and Pygmy Goats

Tuesday, July 29, 2025 - 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM

COOP-OUT SCHEDULE:

Cavies, Rabbits, and Pygmy Goats

**Sunday, August 3, 2025 - 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM
(Animals are welcome to remain through August 10th)**

Week 2

COOP-IN SCHEDULE:

Youth Auction Market Animals

Monday, August 4, 2025 - 7:30 AM to 12:00 PM

COOP-OUT SCHEDULE:

Market Animal Live Pick-up

Sunday, August 10, 2025 - 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM

MANDATORY EXHIBITOR MEETINGS:

Exhibition Exhibitors – Wednesday, July 30, 2025 – 10:00 AM

Market Exhibitors – Monday, August 4, 2025 – 3:00 PM

Note: Additional meetings will be called as needed.

All exhibitors are required to attend meetings, participate in barn duty, clean out cages and feed animal(s) every day. Failure to meet these criteria may result in disqualification and affect your eligibility for future fairs.

JUDGING SCHEDULE:

Bunny Hopping & Agility

Wednesday, July 30, 2025 – 4:00 PM

Youth Poultry Showmanship

Thursday, July 31, 2025 – 4:00 PM

Cavy Judging and Showmanship

Friday, August 1, 2025 – 12:30 PM

Round Robin Master Showman

Friday, August 1, 2025 – 5:00 PM

Rabbit Judging and Showmanship

Saturday, August 2, 2025 – 12:30 PM

Pygmy Goat Showmanship and Judging

Sunday, August 3, 2025 – 12:30 PM

Rabbit, Cavy & Pygmy Goat Costume Contests

Sunday, August 3, 2025 – 2:00 PM

Market Rabbit Judging and Showmanship

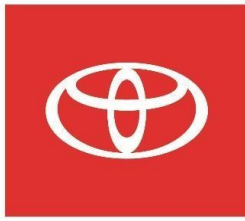
Monday, August 4, 2025 – 5:00 PM

Market Poultry and Market Turkey Showmanship

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 – 12:30 PM

Rooster Crowing & Hen Cackling Contests

Sunday, August 10, 2025 – 1:00 PM



GOLD COAST TOYOTA DEALERS

Online registration is required for all entries. If you require assistance to complete the online registration and entry process, please call the fair office at 805-648-3376 and we will assist you with computer entries. **Leg band ID, tattoo or ear tag number may be provided at time of coop-in, if not provided in the online entry process.

All state and local rules apply. [2025 State Rules](#)

Late entries will not be accepted.

Entry fees are nonrefundable. NO EXCEPTIONS

Become a Small Livestock Champion Buckle Sponsor:

If you would like to be a part of the success of the 2025 Ventura County Fair Junior Livestock Program. We are asking for \$250 General Buckle Sponsorships, which also helps cover the cost of ribbons, plaques, and banners. We appreciate all sponsor amounts. To sponsor or with any questions contact:

smalllivestock@venturacountyfair.org.

SMALL LIVESTOCK GENERAL RULES

1. This is an "extended" Department open to the residents and producers of the State of California.
2. Adult is defined as anyone 19 years or older. All Youth, including 4-H, FFA, Grange Members, and Independent are defined as ages 5 to 19 years as of January 1, 2025, and are eligible to compete through December 31st of the year in which they turn 19 years of age.
3. In the Small Livestock Department, an exemption to the State Rule "in the Senior Department, members of a family are considered as one Exhibitor and Co-Owners of the exhibit," has been granted and each may enter individually if they wish.
4. Entries are limited to three (3) animals per Exhibitor per Class. See Youth Market Rules for Market Entry limits.
5. Entries limited to available space.
6. All animals must be cared for by the Exhibitor at least once a day and all cages must be cleaned by 10:00AM every day.
7. All animals must stay in the Small Livestock area at all times unless given permission by the Superintendents.
8. Animals will be shown and judged in the proper Division and Class for breed variety, age, and sex only. All entries must be at least 6 months of age, excluding rabbits and pygmy goats.
9. Exhibits entered at the owner's risk. The 31st District Agricultural Association will not be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury.
10. All exhibits must be in good health. Any bird, cavy, pygmy goat, rabbit or mini pig showing evidence of disease will be immediately removed from the Fairgrounds.
11. American System of Judging is used.
12. No private sales of animals or birds are permitted on the Fairgrounds.

13. Feed, except for pygmy goats, cavy, and mini pigs, is supplied by the Fair. If an Exhibitor wishes to supplement the Ventura County Fair feeding program, entry into the Fair will be at the Exhibitor's expense. No food or water will be withheld for any reason.
14. All cages must be unlocked, and animals/birds must be accessible to Fair Personnel. If animals/birds are inaccessible, they will not be judged. No locks will be permitted on cages/pens unless approved by the Superintendents.
15. No animals/birds may leave the Small Livestock Area without permission from the Superintendents.
16. Fair Management reserves the right to change the Entry Guide for any reason.
17. If 3 or more Exhibitors enter rabbits/birds of a single breed in Any Standard Variety (A.S.V.) Division, they may be shown separately.
18. All checks will be distributed on Exhibit Pickup Day, August 11th. Checks not picked up will NOT BE MAILED. Items must be collected on the above day. The Ventura County Fair is not liable for exhibits and will not be responsible for items left. Items will not be stored. If a Premiums check which has been issued to an Exhibitor has been destroyed, lost, or allowed to expire by the Exhibitor or their agent; a replacement check can be issued after a stop payment has been made and a fee of \$50 required at time of replacement check pickup. **Checks expire 90 days after date printed.**
19. Auction checks expire 90 days after issue date.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

1. In the event an entry or an Exhibitor is disqualified for any rule or policy violation (including but not limited to practice or procedures that are unethical, those in violation of the Fair's Residue Avoidance/Quality Assurance Program and those not adhering to the Fair's schedule for the program), any or all of the following actions can or will take place:
2. The entry or Exhibitor that is disqualified will be declared ineligible and may not receive awards, premium money and/or sales proceeds. Further, the Exhibitor shall be responsible for payment of any fees, fines due or costs incurred by the State and the Ventura County Fair as a result of disqualification.
3. The Owner/Exhibitor and members of his/her immediate family may not be eligible to compete in subsequent Ventura County Fair Programs. The extent and degree of future eligibility shall be determined by Fair Management, including, minimally not be eligible for 12 months, or if the infringement is severe enough expelled from future competition at the Ventura County Fair.
4. Fair Management reserves the right but is not required to move entries up in placing after judging has taken place when an award void is created by disqualification. This process of moving up judged entries shall only take place, however, when it is clear what the Judge's placing would have been had the disqualified entry not been in competition. For example, when a Champion is disqualified, the Reserve shall move up and be named the Champion; however, no other changes shall take place below the Reserve Champion. The same shall apply in the Class, Section or Division winner when Second Place has been clearly indicated by the Judge. If it is not possible to clearly determine a new place, no change shall take place. When a placing change does take place, the entry moving up will receive all the awards, appropriate titles and all premiums of the disqualified entry but will not receive any of the original placing awards or premiums won in the second category. In other words, Second Place will now receive First Place money and "no" entry will receive Second Place.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

The **Official 4-H Show Uniform** consists of dark blue, black, or white pants, a plain white shirt with collar (any length sleeve, including sleeveless), 4-H tie or scarf (optional), 4-H hat (branded with UC ANR and the 4-H clover logo (current green hat and/or white hats are acceptable), brown, black or white belt, and brown, black or white shoes/boots. Boots are to be worn inside the trouser legs. No sandals allowed.

The **Official FFA Uniform** consists of white trousers, a white dress shirt (long or short sleeved) with the FFA emblem attached to the left pocket and the official FFA four-in-hand necktie. Official FFA jacket is optional; if worn, shirt emblems are not required. Hats or headgear of any kind shall not be worn with the official show uniform while showing. Boots are to be worn inside the trouser legs. No sandals allowed.

The **Official Grange Uniform** consists of dark blue denim pants, white long or short sleeved button front dress shirt with collar; the official red waist vest with an emblem on the back; black or brown belt with appropriate buckle; and brown or black boots (lace-up style preferred). Hats or headgear of any kind shall not be worn with the official uniform while showing. Members may wear awards pins on the upper left chest of the vest. Boots are to be worn inside the trouser legs. No sandals allowed.

The **Official Dress for Independent** Junior Exhibitors is dark blue or black denim pants, long or short-sleeved white button-down dress shirt with collar, black/brown boots or closed toed shoes, and black/brown belt. Boots are to be worn inside the trouser legs. No sandals allowed. No hats of any kind. Neckwear is optional.

ENTRY GUIDELINES AND FEES

1. Animals/birds without leg band ID, tattoo, or ear tag at time of judging will be disqualified and entry fees forfeited. **It is the Exhibitor's responsibility to make sure this is done.**
2. Substitutions will be allowed within the same Division and Class only. Substitutions must be made upon arrival, limited to 20% of entries and must be turned into a Superintendent by the end of coop-in. Changes **are only allowed within Classes, not Divisions, per CDFA State Rules.**
3. **A \$10.00 fee will be charged for changes in breed, variety, sex and/or age.** Exhibitor errors in Class may be changed after closing date up to and including check-in time.
4. "Exhibitor Code of Practice" forms: Must be brought in on coop in days. Form found on website.
5. Showmanship entry must include ear number/leg band/ear tag number when entered online and must be entered in the regular Class by the Exhibitor showing.
6. **Delivery Crates:** all crates and carriers must be removed from the Showroom as soon as animals are caged/penned. **NOTE: Any crates left in the Showroom become the property of the Fair. Absolutely no crates, carriers or carts will be allowed in the Showroom before 8:00 pm on release day.**
7. No dogs allowed on grounds except as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

FAIR ENTRANCE AND DEPARTURE FOR COOP IN AND OUT

All entries will be housed in barns 100, 200 and 300. Entry to the Fair will be at the Garden Street Gate for small vehicles (no trailers) with limited parking along the railroad tracks outside the Fairgrounds or at Gate 3 for larger vehicles (keep in mind that if the parking area is full, you may have to wait). Poultry, rabbits, cavies, pygmy goats, and mini pigs can then be carted or walked to and from the grounds with Fair assistance. Release time is 8:00 pm; cart service will not be available before 8:00 pm.

CLUB & INDIVIDUAL DISPLAYS

Entry Deadline June 29, 2025

Entry Fee: \$10.00

Individual Club and/or Independent Exhibitor can build and present a display that represents their Club and the small or large animal projects. Each Club, depending on space available, will be able to build a display of their projects for both entertainment and educational purposes. Showing a live animal (no birds) is optional but must be shown only when Exhibitors are present to show their animal at the live display.

This display space can be a simple table with educational poster boards, to an area to showcase your live animal (i.e., bunny playpen, hamster habit trail, mouse/rat maze, etc.) Be creative!

Rules

1. Display must be pre-approved prior to set-up.
2. **Display designs/theme must be approved by June 30, 2025, by the Small Livestock Superintendents. To enter this Division, send a letter of intent to the Superintendents at: smalllivestock@venturacountyfair.org. Include your full name, address, phone number, and email. Include which Class you wish to enter and your design/theme idea. Space is limited – you will be notified by email upon acceptance.**
3. Display set-up will be on July 26-27, 2025 (dates subject to change) participants will be notified if there is a change in set-up dates.
4. One display per Club or Independent Exhibitor.
5. Display must stay in place for the duration of the Fair, July 30 through August 10, 2025.
6. Displays must be taken down during check-out on Sunday, August 10, 2025 (8:00 PM-10:00 PM) or by 12:00 PM on Monday, August 11, 2025.

Premiums Offered per Class			
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
\$100	\$75	\$50	\$35

DIVISION 1000 – Club & Individual Displays

Class

1. Club Display
2. Individual Display

RABBIT SHOW

ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED-ALL DIVISIONS 1001-1025

(Entry Deadline July 10, 2025)

Saturday, August 2, 2025 – 4pm

Open to Adult and Youth Exhibitors

RABBIT SHOW RULES

1. All animals must be identified with permanent ear markings conforming to the entry on arrival at the Show. Any duplication of ear markings must be eliminated, and the change recorded on the judging sheet before judging. Tattoo and ear tag numbers must be provided before or at coop-in. All rabbits not marked with a permanent tattoo mark in the left ear will be barred from Competition and entry fee will be forfeited. No tattooing of animals allowed on the Fairgrounds. **It is the Exhibitor's responsibility to have this done.**
2. The Small Livestock Department reserves the right to refuse entries from all locations within 150 miles of a confirmed outbreak of RHD/VHD/RCV within the past 60 days of the entry deadline.
3. Whenever three (3) or more entries in the "Other" category are of the same variety, they will be judged as a separate Class.
4. ***No private sale of animals is permitted on the Fairgrounds.***

Premiums Offered Per Class

1st - \$20

Champions

Best in Show, Best Reserve in Show

Best in Show and will receive either awards, ribbons, trophies or belt buckles.

If you need assistance identifying your breed of rabbit, please visit: <https://arba.net/recognized-breeds/>

HEAVYWEIGHT RABBITS 7+ lbs

(Class and Base Dates for Heavyweights)

Division

1001.	American	1004.	American sable
1002.	American chinchilla	1005.	Argente Brun
1003.	American Fuzzy Lop, A.S.V.	1006.	Belgian Hare

1007.	Beveren	1035.	Holland Lop, Broken
1008.	Blanc de Hotot	1036.	Holland Lop, Solid
1009.	Blue Hoilcer	1037.	Jersey wooly
1010.	Britannia Petite	1038.	Lilac
1011.	Californian	1039.	Lionhead
1012.	Champagne d'Argent	1040.	Mini Lop
1013.	Checkered Giant	1041.	Mini Lop, A.S.V.
1014.	Cinnamon	1042.	Mini Rex, A.O.V.
1015.	Crema d'Argent	1043.	Mini Rex, Black
1016.	Czech Frosty	1044.	Mini Rex, Blue
1017.	Dutch, A.S.V	1045.	Mini Satin
1018.	Dutch, Black	1046.	Netherland Dwarf, A.O.V.
1019.	Dutch, Blue	1047.	Netherland Dwarf, Agouti
1020.	Dwarf Hotot	1048.	Netherland Dwarf, Self
1021.	Dwarf Papillon	1049.	Netherland Dwarf, Shaded
1022.	English Angora	1050.	Netherland Dwarf, Tan pattern
1023.	English Lop	1051.	New Zealand
1024.	Florida White	1052.	Palomino
1025.	French Angora	1053.	Polish
1026.	Giant Angora	1054.	Rex
1027.	Giant Chinchilla	1055.	Rhineland
1028.	Harlequin	1056.	Satin Angora
1029.	Havana, A.S.V.	1057.	Silver
1030.	Havana, Chocolate	1058.	Silver Fox
1031.	Heavy English Spot	1059.	Tan
1032.	Heavy Flemish Giant	1060.	Velveteen Lop
1033.	Heavy French Lop	1061.	Any Other Standard Breeds
1034.	Himalayan, A.S.V.		

Class

Heavyweight, over 7 pounds | Lightweight, under 7 pounds

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| 1. Heavyweight Senior Buck (6 months and over) | 5. Heavyweight Junior Buck (Under 6 months) |
| 2. Lightweight Senior Buck (6 months and over) | 6. Lightweight Junior Buck (Under 6 months) |
| 3. Heavyweight Senior Doe (6 months and over) | 7. Heavyweight Junior Doe (Under 6 months) |
| 4. Lightweight Senior Doe (6 months and over) | 8. Lightweight Junior Doe (Under 6 months) |

BUNNY HOPPING AND AGILITY CONTEST

ENTER ON DAY OF CONTEST

Wednesday, July 30, 2025 – 4:00 PM

Entry Fee: \$5.00 per class

Bunny Hopping – 5-10 jumps 5" to 14" tall. One jump will include length not exceeding 10".

Agility Contest – 5 jumps 5" to 14" tall. One jump will include length not exceeding 10". Agility contest will include Agility Bridge, Tunnels, Tire Jump and A-Frame.

Premiums Offered per Class

1st

\$25

DIVISION 1062 – BUNNY HOPPING AND AGILITY CONTEST

Class

1. Bunny Hopping Contest
2. Agility Contest

POULTRY SHOW

The 2025 Ventura County Fair Poultry Show has been cancelled due to the State Ban on Poultry and Dairy Expositions. There will be no live birds allowed on grounds.

POULTRY PHOTO CONTEST

ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED

(Entry Deadline – July 10, 2025)

No entry fee for this Contest

Premiums Offered per Class

1st - \$20

Rules

1. Limit 2 entries per Class
2. Photos must be mounted on poster or mat board that does not exceed 11"x14".
3. Photo must be a minimum of 5"x7" but no larger than 8"x10".
4. Entries are to be delivered to the Small Livestock Office on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, between 4:00 PM and 8:00 PM.

DIVISION 1127 – POULTRY PHOTO CONTEST

Class

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| 1. Take a Selfie with your Chicken/Turkey | 4. Hen |
| 2. Chicks | 5. Rooster/Tom |
| 3. Your Flock | 6. Other |

BUILD-A-CHICKEN

ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED

(Entry Deadline – July 10, 2025)

Entry Fee: \$10.00

Belt Buckle to the 1st place winner!

Exhibitors build their Chicken using upcycled (recycled) containers such as a 2-liter bottle or milk jug. The birds will be displayed in coops for the duration of the Fair. Exhibitors are to write a story or report about their Chicken. Story/Report should be on an 8.5"x11" sheet of paper. Entries are to be delivered to the Small Livestock Office on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, between 4:00 PM-8:00 PM.

DIVISION 1130 – BUILD-A-CHICKEN

Class

1. My Chicken

CAVY SHOW

ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED – ALL DIVISIONS 1095-1119

(Entry Deadline – July 10, 2025)

Friday, August 1, 2025 – 12:30pm

Open to Adult and Youth Exhibitors

Premiums Offered Per Class

1st - \$20

Champions

Best in Show; Best Reserve in Show

Best in Show and will receive either awards, ribbons, trophies, or belt buckles.

If you need assistance identifying your breed of cavy, please visit: Acbaonline.com

Division

1131.	Abyssinian, Brindle	1147.	American, Any Other Self
1132.	Abyssinian, Marked	1148.	American, Any Other Solid
1133.	Abyssinian, Roan	1149.	American Satin, Broken Color
1134.	Abyssinian, Satin	1150.	American Satin, Red
1135.	Abyssinian, Self	1151.	American Satin, Any Other Variety
1136.	Abyssinian, Solid	1152.	Coronet
1137.	American, Black	1153.	Peruvian
1138.	American, Brindle	1154.	Peruvian, Satin
1139.	American, Cream	1155.	Silkie
1140.	American, Silver Agouti	1156.	Silkie, Satin
1141.	American, Red	1157.	Teddy, Satin
1142.	American, Roan	1158.	Teddy, Any Other Variety
1143.	American, Solid Silver	1159.	Texel
1144.	American, Tortoise Shell & White	1160.	White Crested, Any Other Variety
1145.	American, Any Other Agouti	1161.	Any Other Standard Breed or Variety
1146.	American, Any Other Marked		

Class

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| 1. Senior Boar, above 32 oz. | 3. Intermediate Boar, 22 to 32 oz. | 5. Junior Boar, 12 to 21 oz. |
| 2. Senior Sow, above 32 oz. | 4. Intermediate Sow, 22 to 32 oz. | 6. Junior Sow, 12 to 21 oz. |

SHOWMANSHIP

(See Judging Schedule)

ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per class

(Entry Deadline – July 10, 2025)

Premiums Offered per Class

1st

\$20

****All Rabbits and Cavies entered in Showmanship must be entered in the Regular Exhibition Show as well as Showmanship and shown by Exhibitor.** To enter a first week animal in Showmanship it **must** be entered into the fair as a separate entry (just enrolling in Showmanship/Market Showmanship does not mean your animal is entered into the fair for a cage). Animals that are not entered to stay at the fair the entire week are not allowed in Showmanship. ****Please contact us if you have any questions****

Poultry and Turkey Showmanship will be done on stuffed animals. You must enter into Division 1130 Build-a-Chicken to be eligible for Showmanship.

Please state your age when pre-entering. Classes will be determined by age on January 1, 2025

Primary: 5 to 8 years of age. **Ribbons only, no premiums.** (See State Rule VII No. 11a)

Dress code for Showmanship: See Organization Dress Code Requirements in the Small Livestock Department Rules.

DIVISION

- 1162. Rabbit Showmanship
- 1163. Cavy Showmanship
- 1164. Poultry Showmanship
- 1165. Turkey Showmanship

Class

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| 1. Pre-Junior (5-8 years) | 3. Intermediate (12-14 years) |
| 2. Junior (9-11 years) | 4. Senior (15 years and above) |

Round Robin Master Showman

ENTER ON DAY OF CONTEST

Friday, August 1, 2025 – 5:00 PM

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per class

ROUND ROBIN MASTER SHOWMANSHIP RULES

1. Round Robin will follow all State Fair Rules and Guidelines including divisions offered.
2. Open to any youth small livestock exhibitor.
3. Each contestant will show the following animals in rotation: Pygmy Goat, Cavy, Rabbit, Poultry.
4. Animals will not be supplied for the show, exhibitors may ask other exhibitors to use their animal(s)
5. In the event of a tie between 2 or more Exhibitors, the score for the specie which Exhibitor qualified with will be removed.

6. **Ribbons only, no premiums.** Best Showman will receive either awards, ribbons, trophies, or belt buckles.

DIVISION 1166

Class

1. All Exhibition Exhibitors

YOUTH PYGMY GOAT SHOW

ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED

(Entry Deadline July 10, 2025)

Sunday, August 3, 2025 – 12:30 PM

Registered Breeding Animals and Wethers
(Horned or dehorned animals are permissible)

This **will not** be a Sanctioned Show.

Open to Pygmy Goats only – Nigerian Dwarf Goats are entered in the Open Junior Dairy Goat Divisions in Large Livestock.

Best in Show and will receive either awards, ribbons, trophies, or belt buckles.

Premiums Offered per Class

1st - \$20

PYGMY GOAT RULES

1. Entries to be made by Division and Class. Forms must be signed by a Parent/Guardian and Leader/Advisor.
2. All animals occupying exhibition stalls or pens must be kept groomed, clean and in Show condition.
3. All pens and stall areas are to be cleaned by 10:00 AM each morning (barn will be open at 9:00AM) and must be neatly kept and supplied with necessary bedding at all times. Any bedding must be taken to the west end of the Large Livestock Area and dumped. **DO NOT** leave bedding in the pathway. **DO NOT** throw water in the aisle- please use drainage grate behind Barn 300. No hay/straw in the trash cans at any time. Please keep our Small Livestock Area presentable for the spectators.
4. Exhibitors are requested to display their name and club over the back of the pens.
5. No construction (except kickboards) or painting will be allowed on stalls or pens. All materials used in decorating must be nonflammable material or treated and maintained in a flame-retardant condition. No crepe paper.
6. No one will be permitted in the Judging Ring at the time of judging except those authorized by a Small Livestock Superintendent or Judge.
7. Animals exhibiting signs of pinkeye, sore mouth, active ringworm, scours, or abscesses which are balding, showing hair separation, open, draining or still scabbed shall not be exhibited. These animals will be dismissed from the Fairgrounds. Animals will be quarantined, and the Exhibitor will be charged \$10.00 per day per animal if they are not removed from the Fairgrounds immediately. If there is a question as to an animal's condition, it is advisable to leave it home.
8. American System of Judging.
9. Proper Show Ring Attire as per Organization Requirements.
10. Any interference/confrontation with Judge by any Parent/Leader or Exhibitor is grounds for dismissal from the Show.
11. Fitting products and grooming aides are allowed. This is a DRY SHOW. Spot washing is allowed.
12. State Rules for Goat Health will be enforced (See State Rules – Sheep and Goat Health).
13. Absolutely no eating in the pens, a designated eating area will be provided for Exhibitors.
14. All registered, purebred, grade and unregistered breeding animals must be solely owned by and under the Exhibitor's care and management for a **minimum** of 30 days prior to the opening day of Fair. Exhibitor must be enrolled and supervised in the Organization Project for a minimum of 60 days prior to the opening day of Fair in which the project will be Shown.

15. Any Member persistently neglecting his/her project animal will be asked to remove said animal from the Fairgrounds. Project animals are the responsibility of the Member while on the Fairgrounds.
16. All Exhibitors must provide a copy of their Project Management Records, proof of supervision and the length of breeding project at time of penning.

PYGMY WETHER

DIVISION 1167

Class

2. Junior Wethers, under 1 year
3. Senior Wethers, 1 year and over

CHAMPION AWARDS

Junior Champion Wether – Junior Reserve Champion Wether
Senior Champion Wether – Senior Reserve Champion Wether
Grand Champion Wether – Reserve Grand Champion Wether

REGISTERED PYGMY

DIVISION 1168

Class

1. Junior Kid, 2 through 7 months
2. Senior Kid, 8 months to 1 year
3. Yearling, never freshened
4. Yearlings, in milk, freshened at least once, need not be in milk at the show
5. Two Years Old
6. Three Years Old and Older

CHAMPION AWARDS

Junior Champion - Junior Reserve Champion
Senior Champion - Senior Reserve Champion
Grand Champion - Reserve Grand Champion

PYGMY, GRADE & UNREGISTERED

DIVISION 1169

Class

1. Junior Kid, 2 through 7 months
2. Senior Kid, 8 months to 1 year
3. Yearling, never freshened
4. Yearlings, in milk, freshened at least once, need not be in milk at the show
5. Two Years Old
6. Three Years Old and Older

CHAMPION AWARDS

Junior Champion - Junior Reserve Champion
Senior Champion - Senior Reserve Champion

Grand Champion - Reserve Grand Champion

PYGMY GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED

(Entry Deadline – July 10, 2025)

Premiums Offered per Class

1st - \$20

RULES – ALL DIVISIONS

1. Exhibitor must Show his or her own animal in the Showmanship Class and **it must have been entered in a Breeding Class.**
2. **Entry Fee: \$5.00** per Showmanship Class entered by **July 10, 2025**, entry deadline.
3. All Exhibitors, 4-H, FFA, Grange and Independent, are required to wear the Official Organization Dress as described in the Small Livestock Department Rules.
4. Independent Exhibitors will be placed in age-appropriate Division before Show.
5. Class 1. Primary: 5 to 8 years of age. **Ribbons only, no premiums.** (See State Rule VII No. 11a)
6. Junior: Exhibitors between 9 and 11 years of age.
7. Intermediate: Exhibitors between 12-14 years of age.
8. Seniors: Exhibitors 15 years of age through December 31st of the year the Exhibitor turns 19 years of age.
9. The order of Showing: Juniors will show first followed by Intermediate and Senior. Primary will show last. This will give the Primary Showmen a chance to watch and learn from the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Showmen. The winner of the Junior Class may advance to the Senior Class if they choose.
10. The Exhibitors must be on hand and ready to exhibit in their Class on time. It is considered part of Showmanship to be ready for your Class. **Make sure you know which Class you are assigned to Show in.** There will be a one-minute hold on the gate if Exhibitor misses their Class call, they will be scratched from the Class. If there is a problem with the sound system in the barn area it is still the responsibility of the Exhibitor to be ready at the gate for their Class.

See Judging Schedule for Date and Time

PYGMY GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

DIVISION 1170

Class

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|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Primary (5-8 years) | 3. Intermediate (12-14 years) |
| 2. Junior (9-11 years) | 4. Senior (15-19 years) |

Judging Criteria for Showmanship

Appearance – (40%); Condition (10%); Grooming (20%); Cleanliness (10%); Appearance of Exhibitor – (10%); Total – 100%
Showing in the Ring – (50%); Moving or leading (15%); Posing (15%); Show animal to the best advantage (10%); Poise, alertness, and attitude (10%); Total - 100%

Adult Showmanship

ENTER ON DAY OF CONTEST

Date TBA

Entry Fee: \$10 per entry

Ribbons to 5th Place

Entries accepted until 15 minutes prior to Contest Time.

1. Showmanship for Adult Leaders, Parents, and Alumni Exhibitors.
2. Participants must be either Parents or Leaders for 4-H, FFA or Grange Small Livestock Exhibitors.
3. Any animal shown must be entered in 4-H, FFA, or Grange Divisions of the Fair.
4. The first 15 entries will be accepted in each Class.
5. Classes: Pygmy Goats, Cavy, Rabbit, Poultry.
6. Ribbons will be awarded through 5th place in each Class and Participation Ribbons will be awarded to everyone that enters.
7. A Round Robin will be held with the top individuals from each Class.
8. 4-H, FFA and Grange Members must do all the actual grooming of the animals. An animal being groomed by an adult will be disqualified from Adult and Youth Showmanship.

Division 1171

Class

1. All Exhibitors

COSTUME CONTESTS

ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED – ALL DIVISIONS

(Entry Deadline July 10, 2025)

Sunday, August 3, 2025, at 2:00 PM

COSTUME CONTEST RULES

1. Entry must be submitted with Fair entry.
2. Ear tattoo must match entry.
3. No entry fee for this Contest. Ribbons only, no premiums.

Division

1178. Rabbit Costume Contest
1179. Cavy Costume Contest
1181. Pygmy Goat Costume Contest

Class

1. Animal in Costume
2. Youth Exhibitor and Animal in Costume

YOUTH MARKET ANIMALS

ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED – ALL DIVISIONS

(Entry Deadline – July 10, 2025)

MARKET ANIMAL RULES

1. **Entries close Wednesday, July 10, 2025. Entries must be completed online at www.venturacountyfair.org by entry deadline. Entry fees are non-refundable.**
2. **Independent Exhibitors must complete and return an Independent Exhibitor application by July 1, 2025, to be eligible to participate in the 2025 Ventura County Fair. Applications and information are located on the Fair website.**

3. Exhibitor may enter two (2) meat pens with the following entry fee: **\$5.00 per meat pen entry. Only one (1) meat pen may be brought to the Fair.**
4. Exhibitors must provide a kindling date for Rabbits and a hatch date slip for Chickens and Turkeys. Age is as of the first day of Fair, July 30, 2025.
5. **Entries in Market Classes are limited to (1) Chicken, Rabbit, or Turkey Meat pen and one (1) Large Livestock Market Animal: Goat, Lamb, Swine, Heifer or Steer per Exhibitor.**
6. Chicken, Rabbit, and Turkey Market Meat Pen animals are eligible to go to Auction. All qualified entries go to the Live Auction and are limited to one (1) entry per Exhibitor.
A commission fee of 6% on Market Rabbits, Market Roasters, and Market Turkey Meat Pens will be charged. Commission fee is based on gross income from the sale and add-ons of the animal. This commission is used to offset the cost of the Auction.
7. Entries are limited to space available for Market Rabbits, Market Roasters and Market Turkeys.
Note: Exhibitors or Assistants approved by Fair Personnel must be available to assist Judge as deemed necessary.
8. Exhibitors must provide one (1) 4" X 6" photo (portrait view) of the Exhibitor and Market Animals at weigh-in. The exhibitor's name, club and age must be printed on the back of the photograph.
9. **If buyers choose a processor that does not pick up the Market Animals, Exhibitors are responsible for making sure that the Market Animal(s) is delivered to the processor and then to the buyer after processing.**
10. **All exhibitors must provide proof of a thank you card and or gift for buyer in order to receive their auction check. Thank you cards must be fully addressed, stamped, and open when delivered to the Fairgrounds.**
11. All Market Animals must be clean and exhibit no signs of disease/illness. If at the time of judging, if the Judge determines the animal is not market ready, it will be pulled from the Competition and may not participate in the Auction. The decision of the Judge is final.
12. All cages and pens must be cleaned daily by 10:00 AM. Small Livestock Department will be open at 9:00 AM. Refuse must be hauled to the west end of the Large Livestock Area and refuse cart returned to the Small Livestock Department.
13. Market Classes are open to members of clubs chartered under the Ventura County Section of FFA, Ventura County 4-H, Ventura County Grange Organizations, and members of these clubs: Agoura and Shadow Hills 4-H, Carpinteria FFA, and Independent Juniors of Ventura County. 4-H Exhibitors must be 9 years of age by December 31, 2024; Grange and Independent Exhibitors must be 9 years of age by January 1, 2025, to enter Auction Market Classes.
14. **All Market Class Animals must be under the Exhibitor's care and management for a minimum of 30 days and enrolled in the Organization Project for a minimum of 60 days, prior to the opening day of Fair, Wednesday, July 30, 2025.**
15. Quality Assurance Training: The Ventura County Fair is committed to Livestock Quality Assurance training and the important animal care information now available to all Youth and Parents. All Youth Exhibitors (excluding primary members) competing in Small and Large Livestock Market Categories are required as a condition of entry to complete the National Online Training program known as Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). Learn more and complete your training by going to: <http://yqcaprogram.org/>. This Certification Program will NOT be required for primary members.
 - a. The program is required to be completed by the Exhibitor; upon completion a certificate of completion will be given to signify completion of the program. A copy of the course certificate must be sent to smalllivestock@venturacountyfair.org by July 10, 2025.
 - b. Certification is good for one calendar year from date of completion.
16. While at the Fair, Exhibitors may have Club Members or siblings under the age of 19 years of age help with the care of their animals. No adult will be allowed to groom or prepare an animal to Show or care for the animal while on the Fairgrounds.
17. Any Exhibitor neglecting or not cleaning his/her animals will be given one (1) warning. If neglect continues the animals will not be allowed to participate in the Auction and the Exhibitor will be asked to remove said animals from the Fairgrounds.
18. All animals will be weighed on a certified scale located on the Fairgrounds. Market Animals will have **one weigh-in only**. No private scales allowed on the Fairgrounds.
19. Market Animals that are under or overweight will not be cooped and must be removed from the Fairgrounds immediately following weigh ins.
20. Any meat pen that has been disqualified must be removed from the Fairgrounds immediately following judging.
21. **Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting** – Monday, August 4, 2025, at 3:00 PM. Additional meetings may be called as needed.

22. **Market Animals must be delivered to the buyer within 21 days or less, unless special accommodation is made with Fair Management.** Failure to deliver within allotted time can result in forfeit of check, and or Exhibitor may be deemed ineligible to compete at future Ventura County Fairs, in any Livestock department.

DIVISION 1172 – MARKET RABBIT

Grand Champion will receive either award, ribbon, trophy, or belt buckle.

Class

1. **Market Rabbit Pen** (3 rabbits – 3.5 to 5.5 lbs. each and not over 70 days old as of the first day of Fair, July 30, 2025. All must be of the same breed and variety.) Best meat types are those rabbits that are compact, well filled, rounded and with solid flesh. All rabbits in the pen must be clean and in prime condition. Uniformity must be present in weight, size, appearance, condition and meat type, rabbits should be as similar in all respects as possible.

All Market-ready Meat Pens will go to Auction. **The Champion and Reserve Champion will go to the Live Junior Livestock Auction Champion Drive and all market ready Meat Pens will be under the rules of the Junior Livestock Auction.**

MARKET SHOWMANSHIP

(See Judging Schedule)

ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED – ALL DIVISIONS

(Entry Deadline – July 10, 2025)

Premiums Offered per Class

1st - \$20

1. Showmanship must be entered online by the entry deadline. Animals will be supplied for Showmanship – no Market Meat Pen entries will be used.
2. Please state your age on the entry form. Classes will be determined by age on January 1, 2025.
3. **Dress code for Showmanship:** See Organization Dress Code Requirements in the Small Livestock Department Rules.

Division

- 1175. Market Rabbit Showmanship
- 1176. Market Poultry Showmanship
- 1177. Market Turkey Showmanship

Class

1. Junior (9-11 years)
2. Intermediate (12-14 years)
3. Senior (15 years and above)

Judging Criteria for Showmanship

Appearance (40%) - Condition (10%), Grooming (20%), Cleanliness (10%); Appearance of Exhibitor (10%); Showing in the Ring (50%) -Moving or leading (15%); Posing (15%); Show animal to the best advantage (10%); Poise, alertness, and attitude (10%); Total 100%

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED

(Entry Deadline – July 10, 2025)

Premiums Offered Per Class

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20

DIVISION 1182 – CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Class

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|---------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Cavy | 4. Rabbits |
| 2. Poultry | 5. Market Poultry/Turkey |
| 3. Pygmy Goat | 6. Market Rabbits |

This program recognizes and rewards Champion Youth, based on the Exhibitor's participation and achievement. In addition, this Competition will continue to recognize and reward Champion Animals, which was the original foundation of Livestock Competitions and Fairs.

The Ventura County Fair believes in the value and importance of Exhibitor participation in all educational opportunities offered through their animal project. Points will be awarded for their participation in a wide variety of educational events. Points will be accumulated by each Exhibitor throughout the program for each event they participate in.

Online entry is correct and complete - 5 points

Educational Poster Contest – 45 points

1. Poster must be done on a 22" X 28" poster board or a 19" X 30" foam board turned in at coop-in.
2. The poster must be on a subject related to the Exhibitor's Small Livestock project.
3. The purpose of the poster is to help educate the public about the animal industry.
4. The Fair has the right to remove any poster it deems objectionable or inappropriate for public display.
5. Poster to remain on display through the entire Fair (July 30 through August 10, 2025). See a Superintendent for removal time.
6. Judging based on:

Topic and Educational Value - 20 points

Originality and Creativity - 10 points

Quality and Workmanship - 15 points

Total - 45 points

Pre-Fair Talk (1 talk) – 10 points

1. Exhibitors can earn points by presenting an educational talk on their project prior to the Fair.
2. The talk must be to an organized group (i.e., 4-H, FFA, Grange, Farm Bureau, Farm Days, Rotary/Lions Club or Science Nights at Schools).
3. Exhibitors must submit a letter from the organization (on their letterhead) indicating that the Exhibitor did make a presentation, the date, and the number of people in attendance. Letter is to be turned in at coop-in.

Showmanship – 5-25 points (25 points maximum)

Each Exhibitor who participates in Showmanship will be awarded points based upon placing in Showmanship.

Placement Points: **1st (25 points) 2nd (20 points) 3rd (15 points) All Others (10 points)**

Ask Me Booth - 5 points per hour (25 points maximum)

1. Exhibitors' sign-up to work in the "Ask Me Booth" either before Fair or at coop-in.
2. It is the Exhibitor's responsibility to sign-in and out at the Small Livestock Office.
3. Exhibitors must complete a one-hour segment to earn points.
4. Exhibitors are required to be dressed in appropriate attire when manning the booth. No food or drinks allowed in booth.
5. Exhibitor must provide a mat for the tabletop (to protect table covering) for the animal/bird to sit on during scheduled display time and to clean-up after their animal/bird.

Barn Hosting - 5 points per hour (25 points maximum)

1. Exhibitors' sign-up either before Fair or at coop-in.
2. It is the Exhibitor's responsibility to sign-in and out at the Small Livestock Office.
3. Exhibitors must complete a one-hour segment to earn points.
4. Exhibitors are required to be dressed in appropriate attire when hosting the barn.

Competition Points (25 points maximum)

Placement Points:	1st	2nd	3rd
	3	2	1

Costume Contest - 5-20 points – Exhibition Week Only

Each Exhibitor who participates in the Costume Contest will be awarded points based upon placing in the Contest:

Placement Points:

1st	2nd	3rd	All Others
20	15	10	5

Pen Appearance – 10 points – Market Week Only

1. Cleanliness of Pen (Judged daily) – 2-1/2 points
2. Animal Appearance/Cleanliness (Judged daily) – 2-1/2 points
3. Pen Decoration – 5 points

Responsibility – 10 points

1. Attends all meetings – 2 points
2. Punctuality (on time during pen cleaning, meetings, coop-in/coop-out) – 2 points
3. Being Proactive (kindness, good sportsmanship, respectful) – 4 points

ROOSTER CROWING & HEN CACKLING CONTESTS

(Two separate Contests)

ENTER ON DAY OF CONTEST

Sunday, August 10, 2025, at 1:00 PM

Ribbons to 5th Place

Entries accepted until 15 minutes prior to Contest Time on Sunday, August 10, 2025.

The first 15 entries will be accepted in each Class.

The contest is open to everyone.

Division 1184

Class

1. Youth, 18 & under
2. Adult, 19 & older

